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REMARKS

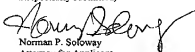
The allowance of claims 2-6 and 15-19 is noted, with thanks.

While it is believed that claims 1 and 7-14 are patentable over the art, in order to expedite patent protection, Applicant has canceled art rejected claims 1 and 7-14, and has rewritten claims 20 and 25 in independent form. Accordingly, it is believed that all of the pending claims now are allowable.

The foregoing Amendment makes no claim changes that would require further search by the Examiner. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing Amendment and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted,



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